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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/803,976	Applicant(s) DOI ET AL.	
	Examiner Bernard Lipman	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/794,402.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/19/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klaerner et al in view of Hawkins or Hamer et al.

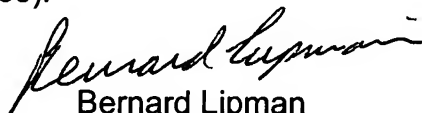
Klaerner discloses a number of styrene/n-butyl acrylate A-B block copolymers made by a controlled free radical polymerization, a number of which would have not more than 50 wt.% of a styrene polymer block (see e.g., paragraphs 119 and 187-194). It is also disclosed that these polymers may be used as pressure sensitive adhesives (see paragraph 126). Klaerner is deficient in not disclosing the inclusion of a triazine derivative containing – trichloromethyl groups. However, it is well known in the art of pressure sensitive adhesives to cross-link the adhesives by radiation, preferably after coating, in order to improve shear strength as for example is taught by Hawkins (see col. 1, lines 36-46, col. 2, lines 44-48 and col. 4, lines 26-47). Suitable photo cross-linking agents for this purpose include the preferred specie of 2-(p-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(trichloromethyl)-s-triazine. Hamer has similar teachings wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is preferentially photo cross-linked after application of the pressure sensitive adhesive (col. 4, lines 6-26, and col. 8, lines 45-59). Preferred cross-linking agents include the specie of 2-(p-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(trichloromethyl)-s-triazine. Lacking a showing of criticality for the specie of cross-linking agent, it would have been

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prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, in order to improve shear strength in the pressure sensitive adhesives taught by Klaerner, to include a photo cross-linking agent such as 2-(p-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(trichloromethyl)-s-triazine, with the motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art by the references all being drawn to pressure-sensitive adhesives. The claimed pressure-sensitive adhesive sheets are, therefore, prima facie obvious absent evidence of unexpected results commensurate in scope to the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-1105. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 Mon-Fri.

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